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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA PLENARY STATEMENT BY DAHOMEY PERMREP ADJIBADE

REF: USUN 4529

1. WE REGARD ADJIBADS'S STATEMENT TO BE POINTEDLY OFFENSIVE TO THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE CONSIDERS HOW VERY MARGINAL TO DAHOMEY ARE THE ISSUES ABOUT WHICH HE HAS LAMBASTED US, AND THAT IN RELATION TO OUR OWN POLICY OF SUPPORTING DAHOMEY'S DEVELOPMENT.

2. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT CONVINCED THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF "FOREIGN TROOPS" FROM KOREA, OR EVENTS IN CAMBODIA, CONSTITUTE INTERESTS SO VITAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COTONOU IS COMPELLED TO ATTACK US.
ADJIBADE'S LANGUAGE--"DISGUST" OVER THE VETO OF UN ADMISSION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM; "SEVERE AND PAINFUL DEFEAT FOR IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS" IN INDOCHINE; "OBSTINACY AND PRIDE" OF THE SUPER POWERS-- GOES BEYOND THE RHETORIC OF THOSE MORE LEGITIMATELY OUR ADVERSARIES.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT EMBASSY COTONOU TO SPEAK TO THE DAHOMEAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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REGISTER OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE STATEMENT AS IT

AFFECTS US. PERHAPS WE SHOULD BEGIN TO CONSIDER HOW
DAHOMEAN POSITIONS SHOULD AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS,
INCLUDING EXTENSION OF U.S. AID.

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